

Figure 5A is a pictorial view, corresponding to Figure 1A, of a knife according to the present invention that illustrates an alternative to the knife shown therein.

Figure 5B is a pictorial view, corresponding to Figure 1B, of a knife according to the present invention that illustrates an alternative to the knife shown therein.

Amend the paragraph on Page 12 beginning at line 4 as follows:

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the otherwise substantially planar clamp-facing surface portion 14a of the back side 14 of the knife includes a recess 30 that is particularly a groove, and the outer clamping member 22 includes a complementary elongate projection 32 adapted to fit into the groove, where persons of ordinary skill will immediately recognize the equivalence of providing the knife with a projection (such as 30a as shown in Figures 5A and 5B) and the outer clamping member 22 with a complementary and corresponding groove. According to the invention, the interlocking features of the knife and outer clamping member may be any interlockingly cooperating male or female structures that permit removing the knife from the outer clamping member while preventing the aforementioned slippage.